



Dr. Shirley Allen

Gain inspiration from role models, Dr. Allen advises

Young deaf people today have more role models than ever before, showing them that they, too, can succeed, said Dr. Shirley Allen Feb. 1 at a lecture to kick off Black History Month activities at Gallaudet.

Allen, associate professor of Liberal Arts at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and herself a role model as the first black deaf woman to earn a doctorate, emphasized the numerous role models available to young black people by listing the names and accomplishments of dozens of black people from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, as well as black deaf people from the 20th century.

Allen also shared her personal history and emphasized the importance of knowing one's history and heritage.

Allen, who was born hearing, became deaf while studying music in college. "This was the strangest thing," she said. "I had practiced piano blindfolded for years just in case something happened to my eyesight; then I could hold on to my goal and carry on. It never occurred to me that it might be my hearing that I lost." One- and one-half years after becoming deaf, and three months after presenting a piano recital as a college senior, she enrolled at Gallaudet and graduated in 1966 with a degree in English.

She went on to earn a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Howard University and a doctorate in counseling from the University of Rochester in 1992.

Among the historical landmarks and the people whose accomplishments Allen acknowledged in her speech

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On the Green available to computer users March 6

One of the biggest frustrations at *On the Green* is to receive a late-breaking news item just after an issue has gone to press, making it necessary for us to hold it another week until the next issue is printed. By then, for much of the campus readership, the topic is about as timely as the Watergate break-in.

But effective March 6, *On the Green* will provide the latest information through its new on-line *On the Green*, accessible through "gopher" to anyone who has a VAX account.

As Gallaudet University's official news source, the on-line *On the Green* will provide the most effective means available for faculty and staff to let the rest of the campus community know about Gallaudet-related news in a timely manner.

Important announcements from the University's administration, last-minute changes to a campus event, unscheduled visits by important guests, or emergencies such as a late-developing winter storm that causes the early closing of the University will be available immediately to the campus community through the on-line version of *On the Green*.

In addition, readers will now have quick access to the types of information previously published each week in *On the Green*, including classified ads, announcements, Faculty Senate meetings, and other activities of interest to the campus and to the deaf community.

A monthly four-page issue of *On the Green* will continue to be printed to provide the campus with information about issues that are not as time sensitive—the coverage of lectures, for example—more in-depth explanation of issues, human interest stories, and, of course, photographs.

By accessing "gopher," a system that allows users to select items to read from a menu of topics, computer users can read about current events affecting Gallaudet in continuously updated "issues" of *On the Green*. Gopher is easily reached by logging onto your VAX account and then typing the word *gopher* at the \$ prompt.

You will see a menu of various gopher options you can explore. Select 4—*On the Green*—and hit enter. You will now have three choices: 1. About *On the Green*, 2. The current *On the Green*, 3. *On the Green* archives, where articles from the previous week's issue will be stored.

When you finish reading a text file, hit the enter key to return to the menu. Any time you are reading a menu you may hit *q* to quit reading gopher.

Articles about events will be posted on gopher as soon as possible and will be updated as necessary. All articles will remain on the system for a week. Each Monday, all items that appeared the previous week will be saved as an "issue" that can be accessed through *On the Green* archives.

Announcements, job openings, and Among Ourselves items will be posted to gopher as they are received. Classified ads received Monday through Friday will be compiled the following Monday and appear on the computer Tuesday morning, where they will stay for one week.

The procedures for submitting these items for publication are unchanged. Ads must be submitted in writing, and the fee of \$1 per ad per issue must be paid.

This is a particularly eventful period in Gallaudet's history, and *On the Green* is excited to have this opportunity to keep the campus updated about new developments at the University. Like anything new, it may

take a little while for readers to adjust to the new format, but we hope that it will prove to be a far superior way to convey information to the campus community. Please let us know what you think.

For on-line *On the Green* to become successful, it is vital for faculty and staff to use the system and to supply us with any Gallaudet-related information that needs to be shared with the campus. All news items can be submitted to *On the Green* editor Todd Byrd by E-mail, TTBIRD.

Offices will need to delegate one person to print out each week's issue so that faculty and staff who do not have access to a VAX line will be able to read about campus events each week.

The Feb. 20 issue of *On the Green*—the last weekly issue that will be printed—will include a reminder about *On the Green*'s conversion from print to gopher. The printed March issue of *On the Green* should be distributed to the campus by Wednesday, March 1.

President Jordan reports on budget

Editor's note: The following is a message to the campus community from Gallaudet President I. King Jordan.

President Clinton announced his Fiscal Year 1996 budget proposals to Congress on Monday, Feb. 6. As you know, the budget proposal for Gallaudet is a line item within the budget of the Department of Education. For FY 1996, the Clinton administration is proposing that we receive the same total appropriation, \$80,030,000, that we received this year.

In these difficult times, it is good news that the President is not proposing to cut our budget. As I have said before, we have always enjoyed strong bipartisan support, and we continue to have a strong working relationship with Congress.

On the other hand, we must all be very much aware that Congress is discussing cuts to the budget in general, and we must be prepared for possible reductions. I want you to know how much I appreciate your support as I prepare for budget testimony.



Six students receive 1995 Rotary District #7620 scholarships from Henry Tate, rotarian liaison to Gallaudet, Feb. 2. Also shown are District #7620 Governor Robert Nelson (rear) and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Margarete Hall (third from right).

New Directions offers fun and sobriety

Stroll by Ely Auditorium any Friday or Saturday night and you will see students sauntering in and out, signing about the movie they've just seen or the one they're going to watch.

The "Theater Cafes," which are free and include nonalcoholic refreshments, are among the first up and running activities among several that are planned as part of New Directions, a campus-wide alcohol and other drug prevention program paid for in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE).

The movie nights have consistently met their goal—to support students who prefer to socialize without relying on alcohol and other drugs, and possibly pull other students away from the party and bar scene, with three different captioned movies each weekend night. They've attracted an average of 175-200 students per movie, according to Carl Denny, an English major who coordinates the movie nights for the University Center.

"Alcohol abuse is considered by many to be one of the most important issues on college campuses today," said Jennifer Joseph, coordinator of Health Promotion and Education in the Office of Student Development, whose office developed and will coordinate the grant. "Abuse of alcohol on college campuses is associated nationwide with violence, vandalism, poor academic performance, and health problems such as HIV infection. Individual education has not been successful in changing this situation. This project focuses on the whole environment in which students function rather than on trying to change individual student's behavior."

The grant is providing \$167,506—approximately 56 percent of New Direction's program costs over a 28-month period that began Sept. 1, 1994. Gallaudet will contribute approximately \$132,000 toward the project, primarily through sharing the costs of staff time, in-kind services, and by supplementing project staff salaries during the project's second year.

New Directions is designed to shift alcohol and other drug use and abuse norms on campus and to introduce healthy ways to have fun. The program follows four guiding concepts: 1) the campus climate can be changed by providing alternative activities that support the significant numbers of students who prefer not to rely on alcohol and other drugs for socialization; 2) a coordinated, institution-wide response will lead to the desired social change more than individual efforts by different departments; 3) a common goal focused around the University's mission statement will show the community how inappropriate patterns of alcohol use and attitudes about drug use affect the whole community; and 4) New Directions will lead to successful and long-lasting institution-wide programs.

The first principle is a key focus, however, said Joseph, because "just providing alternative activities to drinkers will not work. The goal is to shift norms—that activities that those students who don't drink much do will become 'in' and the bar/party scene will be 'out.'"

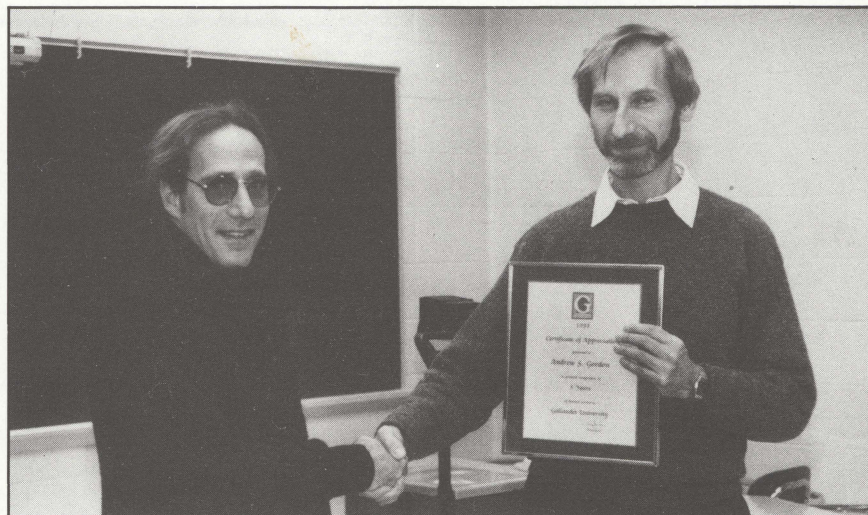
Two other programs within New Directions that will embody these principles include Project REACH (Recognized, Empathetic, and Concerned Helpers) and Innovative Teachers.

In Project REACH, undergraduate students will identify through a survey faculty, staff, and students to whom they feel they would go for assistance with a personal problem. The top 20 people chosen will be offered a training retreat to educate them about alcohol and other drug abuse among college students and how to recognize and handle problems.

The Innovative Teachers project will help interested faculty infuse alcohol and other drug information into their courses. "Students like to talk about these issues, so faculty may find curriculum infusion helpful," said Joseph.

Other alternative activities that are active or being developed include a community service program run through the Career Center, and Club Z, a program to unite those students who prefer to socialize without alcohol or other drugs.

Evelina Sterling, an alcohol and drug prevention specialist hired in January, will assist with the project.



Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures Chair Mark Weinberg (right) congratulates Associate Professor Andrew Gordon for five years of service.

Allen urges black deaf youth to succeed

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were the first 20 black people to land in the United States at Jamestown, Va., in 1619; Jupiter Hammon, who became perhaps the first published black poet in 1770; Sojourner Truth, the 19th century antislavery activist; and Frederick Douglass, who published the first of three autobiographies in 1845.

"There is a wealth of information on black achievements, but what do we have on black deaf people's achievements? Not much. There is no data base, no one place to find such information, and it is time that we do this," Allen said. Among the known black deaf achievers, she said, are Andrew Foster, the first black deaf person to graduate from Gallaudet, who established schools for deaf children throughout Africa; Connie Briscoe, the first black deaf female author; and Dr. Glenn Anderson, chair of Gallaudet's Board of Trustees and the first black deaf American man to earn a doctorate.

"Young black deaf people today have no excuse [not to succeed]," she said. "You are young, you are gifted, you are black. And you have the attention of the whole world. You have role models. We had few or none."

"When you feel that times are just too difficult and you want to quit—think about it. We all think about quitting at some time or another. When I lost my hearing, I wanted to quit. When a professor at Texas Southern University told me I couldn't come

into his class because I was deaf, I wanted to quit. When my students don't make an effort to do their best, I want to quit... But we do not quit."

Allen said that some people question the rationale of having a month set aside to recognize the history of African-American people. She conceded that she did not know what Carter Woodson's thoughts were when he organized the first Black History Week in 1926. "However, to my knowledge," she said, "we are the only ethnic group who came to America against our will. While the 17th century held out a great invitation to the tired and poor of other nations, the Africans were not among the huddled masses who yearned to breathe free of their mother country."

"When I look back upon the atrocities delivered in the name of assimilation into a country of freedom and freed men, I wonder: How can an intelligent person in 20th century bemoan the fact that one month out of 12 is set aside for a time of special memories, of joy in origins, of renewed hopes, of uplifted spirits, and of unbridled faith in a higher being, so that in the end perhaps there will be no need for a one-month celebration."

Allen closed by reading a poem, "Phenomenal Woman," by Maya Angelou. "I grew up during a time when black skin was not thought to be so beautiful," she said. "It wasn't until I was in my thirties that I decided to like me, and now I can read this poem aloud and feel good about myself."

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Written ads must be submitted in person or by mail to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. In compliance with the Education of the Deaf Act of 1992, as amended, payment of \$1 per ad per printing must accompany each ad. Ads received Feb. 13-17 will appear in the on-line version of *On the Green* (type gopher at the \$ prompt after logging on to the VAX) on March 6.

FOR SALE: Studio condo in Cleveland Park, D.C., well-lit top floor unit, near Metro, \$56,000. Call (202) 363-0147 (V).

FOR SALE: New Jenny Lind crib, mattress not incl., \$130/BO; extra long twin electric bed, rarely used, \$400/BO. Call Mary, x5257, or E-mail MMPOWELL.

FOR SALE: (4) 1mb 30 pin computer memory chips, \$100. Call Chun, x3113 (TTY), days, or (301) 459-1192 (V/TTY) eves.

WANTED: Female roommates to provide part-time overnight assistance for disabled Gallaudet student for free rent in apt. in Southwest D.C. AC, DW, W/D, health club, 2 blocks to Metro. Call (202) 554-1965 (TTY).

FOR RENT: Share apt. in Takoma Park, Md., 10-min. walk to Metro. Large back porch, back yard, fully furnished except for BR, \$385/mo. plus 1/2 util. Call (301) 585-1647 or E-mail DRBANGS.

FOR RENT: Nonsmoking professional to share country house in Dunkirk, Md., kitchen and living room privileges, CAC, W/D, must like pets and have own trans., \$475/mo. inc. util. (nego.). Call Joan, x3113, or (301) 855-6264 (TTY) after 6 p.m. or E-mail JKSLUB.

FOR SALE: '87 Volvo 740 GLE wagon, auto., 740 GLE, 119k mi., records, Dec. Va. inspection, p/s, p/b, auto locks, sunroof, heated seats, leather, \$6,500. Call Carolyn Jones, x5210.

FOR SALE: Apple II GS computer, 1mb, color monitor, Imagewriter II, 3.5 and 5.25 drives, software programs, accessories, and computer desk, \$1,000/BO. Call (301) 776-1713 or E-mail DGBERRIGAN.

FOR SALE: House in University Park, Md., by owner, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, family room, CAC, new furnace, large yard, patio, garage, \$129,900. Call (202) 529-2445.

Announcements

The teleconference "Voices from the Diverse Workforce" will be held in "Ole Jim" from 1 to 3 p.m. on Feb. 15, not Feb. 17 as was previously reported.

Academic Computing is offering two short courses monthly. "Internet, BITnet: E-Mail, Notes, Discussion Groups" will be offered Feb. 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. and Feb. 28 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. "How to Use E-Mail" will be offered Feb. 16 and 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. Both courses will be held in the Merrill Learning Center, Room LE-60. For more information and to register, call Stephanie Walden, x5273, E-mail SCWALDEN, or stop by Academic Computing, HMB W121.

A Valentine's Day arts/crafts/book fair will be held Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room and Atrium. The fair will be presented by African-American entrepreneurs in recognition of Black History Month. For more information, call Jo-Anne Jones, x5352.



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